



STRATHMERTON

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Newsletter No.9
June 5th, 2025**

SPS's Vision: To prepare young people to be active, engaged and responsible citizens of the local and global community.

2025 Dates to Remember

- **Fri 6th June**
Winter Sports for G456 @ CAGS
- **Mon 9th June**
King's Birthday Public Holiday
- **Fri 13th June**
Winter Sports for G456 @ SPS
- **Mon 30th June**
Milkshake Monday.
Reports sent home.
- **Tue 1st & Wed 2nd July**
Parent Teacher Interviews pm
- **Fri 4th July**
Last Day Term 2.
2.30pm dismissal.



Strathmerton Primary School ENROL IN 2026

At Strathmerton Primary School
we offer:

- No school fees including free stationery and books.
- High quality teaching and learning.
- A wide range of curriculum and extracurricular activities provided.
- Small class sizes.
- 1:1 laptops supplied by SPS.
- Outside Hours School Care available.



2026 Enrolments open now.

**TO BOOK A TOUR, OR FOR MORE
INFORMATION CONTACT THE OFFICE:**

☎ (03) 58745295

🌐 www.strathmertonps.vic.edu.au/

📍 43-51 Findlay St, Strathmerton
VIC 3641

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**Strathmerton
Outside School Hours
Program**

**2025 After School Care
Get in Touch
earlylearning@vt.uniting.org
1800 183 103**



**Now taking new
families
2025 enrolments**



OSHC

LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders will be on Tuesday and Fridays..

From the Principal's Desk

Long Service Leave

I'd like to let you know that I will be taking Long Service Leave from Monday 10th June and will return to school on Monday 30th June. During this time, I'll be travelling to Cambodia and Vietnam. While I'm away, Sarah Arklay (our 1/2/3 teacher) will be stepping into the role of Acting Principal. Sarah will continue to teach her regular class and can be contacted through the school office if needed. I appreciate your support and look forward to returning with plenty of stories to share!

Principal Conference

This week I attended the annual Principal Conference in Melbourne on Tuesday and Wednesday. I had the opportunity to hear from two inspiring keynote speakers – Dr Sonja Hood AM, President of North Melbourne Football Club and Director of the Scanlon Foundation, and Professor Joanna Barbousas, Dean of Education at La Trobe University. Both shared powerful insights into their leadership journeys. I also took part in workshops focused on the new Victorian Teaching and Learning Model and the implementation of a whole school structured literacy approach. It was a valuable experience, and I look forward to bringing new ideas and insights back to our school community.

Swimming

Due to a double booking at the pool, our school swimming program has been postponed and will now take place in Term 4, Week 3. New permission notes and updated information will be sent out via Compass in Term 3. We appreciate your understanding and patience with this change.

Reports

Our teachers are currently assessing students and preparing their reports. These reports give you an update on your child's progress and achievements so far this year. Reports will be available to view on the Compass App from Monday 30th June. If you would prefer a paper copy instead, please see Leanne in the office and she will be happy to provide one.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in the last week of term, on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd July. This is a great opportunity to catch up with your child's teacher and discuss their progress. Booking details will be available on Compass within the next two weeks. We encourage all families to book a time that suits.

Kinder Transition Visits

Our pre-foundation transition program is well underway, with Strathy Kinder visiting us twice this term as part of their preparation for school. They have one more visit planned for this term to help familiarise the children with our school environment. Next term, we'll offer more Kinder transition sessions leading up to our weekly visits in Term 4. A big thank you to Mandy Mead for organising fun and engaging activities during these sessions. We're excited to continue supporting our youngest learners as they get ready to join us in 2026.

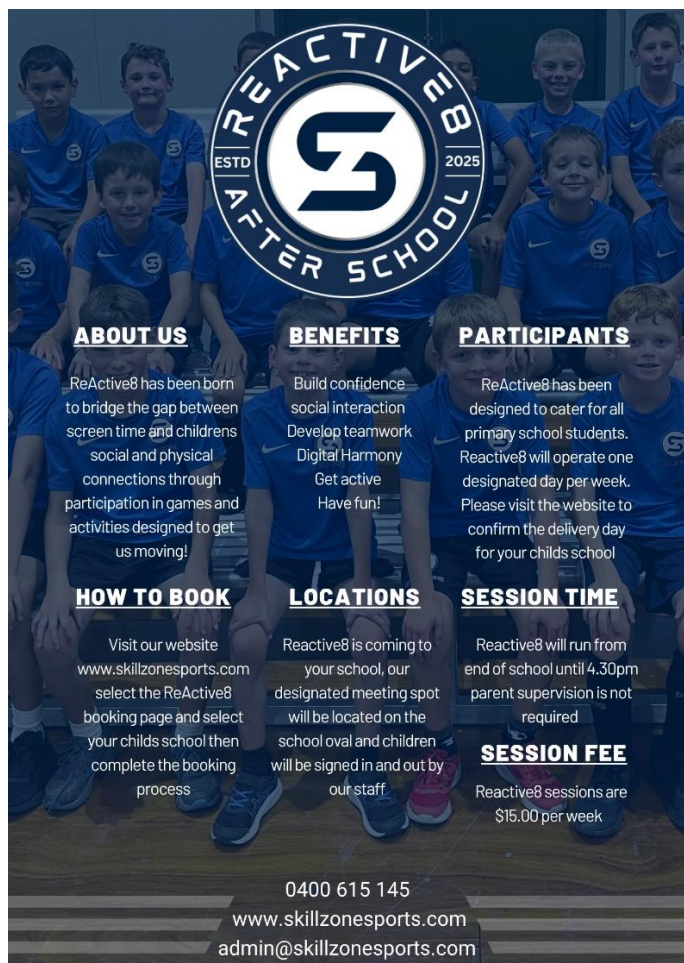
Secondary Taster and Transition Days

Our Year 6 students have started their transition sessions to secondary school. Last Wednesday, all Year 6 students visited Cobram Secondary College for a Taster Day where they took part in Drama, Science, Maths and Art classes. It was a great opportunity for them to experience secondary school. Numurkah Secondary College will hold their Taster Day for enrolled students next term. These sessions play an important role in

helping our students feel confident and prepared for the next stage of their learning journey. Please reach out if you have any questions about your child's transition to secondary school.

Reactive 8 Afterschool

SkillZone will be running a pilot program here at SPS next term called ReActive8. It is a program to help students to find a balance between getting active and time on the screens. The ReActivate program is an inclusive games-based approach in which children can get active and social without even realising. It will be run on school ground on a Thursday. It is a paid program and can be booked through their website https://www.skillzonesports.com/service-page/reactive8-strathmerton-primary-school?category=5a4d9559-117d-4ec6-b17c-0c6ed87c1d0a&referral=service_list_widget . Please note only 20 students can participate in the program and bookings are essential.



ABOUT US

ReActive8 has been born to bridge the gap between screen time and childrens social and physical connections through participation in games and activities designed to get us moving!

BENEFITS

- Build confidence
- social interaction
- Develop teamwork
- Digital Harmony
- Get active
- Have fun!

PARTICIPANTS

ReActive8 has been designed to cater for all primary school students. Reactive8 will operate one designated day per week. Please visit the website to confirm the delivery day for your childs school

HOW TO BOOK

Visit our website www.skillzonesports.com select the ReActive8 booking page and select your childs school then complete the booking process

LOCATIONS

Reactive8 is coming to your school, our designated meeting spot will be located on the school oval and children will be signed in and out by our staff

SESSION TIME

Reactive8 will run from end of school until 4.30pm parent supervision is not required

SESSION FEE

Reactive8 sessions are \$15.00 per week

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Jo Paton

Strathmerton Primary School Calendar 2025

Term 2

Friday 6 th June	4/5/6 Winter Sports @ CAGs
Monday 9 th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 13 th June	4/5/6 Winter Sports @ Strathmerton
Friday 27 th June	4/5/6 Winter Sports @ Strathmerton
Monday 30 th June	Milkshake Monday Semester 1 Reports Released
Tuesday 1 st & Wednesday 2 nd July	Parent Teacher Interviews PM
Friday 4 th July	Last Day Term 2. 2.30pm Dismissal

Term 3

Monday 21 st July	First Day Term 3
Thursday 14 th August	Numurkah SC Taster Day
Monday 25 th August	Pupil Free Day
Friday 19 th September	Last Day Term 3 2.30pm Dismissal

Term 4

Monday 6 th October	First Day Term 4
Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th October	Whole School Swimming @ Aqua Moves
Monday 3 rd November	Pupil Free Day. Report Writing Day.
Tuesday 4 th November	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 9 th December	Statewide Transition Day
Tuesday 16 th December	Fun Fields G6 Students
Friday 19 th December	END OF YEAR 1.30pm Dismissal

NUMURKAH SECONDARY COLLEGE

Transition program
dates for
Year 7 students
commencing 2026



*Keep an eye out on the NSC
facebook page for updates
and more information closer
to events.*



**WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL NSC
DISCOVERY NIGHT 6:00PM-7:00 PM**



THURS. 14TH AUGUST: NSC TASTER DAY



SEPT./OCT. PRIMARY SCHOOL VISITS



5TH-7TH OCT. EXTRA TASTER SESSIONS



**13TH-17TH OCT. YEAR 7 MEETINGS AT
NUMURKAH SECONDARY COLLEGE**



**TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER STATEWIDE
TRANSITION DAY**



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NUMURKAH SECONDARY COLLEGE

*Inspiring aspiration and
lifelong learning.*

**2026 YEAR 7
DISCOVERY NIGHT
WEDNESDAY THE 30TH APRIL**

Information session commencing at
6.00pm with tours following.



Please register your interest by ringing the College on 03 5862 1088.
Walk ins welcome.



RESPECT, EXCELLENCE, ASPIRATION AND PRIDE

A young girl with brown hair in pigtails, wearing a white shirt and blue denim overalls, is smiling and holding several colorful balls (yellow, green, red). She is in a playroom with shelves of toys in the background.

**FOR 2026
TIMETABLES, PLEASE
VISIT THIS LINK:
[2026 TIMETABLES](#)**

**ENROL
NOW!**

KINDER ENROLMENTS 2026

APPLY NOW!

All GRPSA services will offer 15 hours of free kinder for 3 and 4 year olds in 2026. Strathbogie services will offer 20 hours of free 4 year old kinder as of 2026! Applications close May 31, 2025 for all GRPSA services. Apply on our website now to avoid disappointment.

Note that sessions/days are subject to change based on enrolments.

www.grpsa.com.au

KINDERGARTEN
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*Play, laugh...
...learn, grow!*

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OSHC NEWSLETTER



Strathmerton Outside School Hours

From the Service Leader:

April & May Newsletter

We've had a wonderful start to the season with lots of exciting events happening throughout April and May! I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter break.

Pancake Day

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Pancake Day—by buying a pancake. Your contributions go a long way. Funds raised will support *Uniting Vic.Tas*, a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to delivering vital programs and services in our local communities. Did you know Uniting also runs a local op shop right here in Cobram? You'll find it at 10 Hay Ave, Cobram VIC 3644.

Footy & Netball Season Kicks Off

The football and netball season is well underway, and there's some great buzz around both Strathmerton and Katunga Fifties—they're shaping up to have very strong teams this year! Net Set Go has also started, and the children are saying they are loving it. It's fantastic to see so many smiling faces out enjoying the sunshine.

ANZAC Day

It was heartwarming to see our community come together to honour ANZAC Day. A special mention to those school students who delivered thoughtful speeches during the commemorations. And of course, a big thank you to the RSL and other volunteers.

June Holidays

I hope everyone has a fantastic break. Please if you are interested in a Vacation care Program in the future fill out the expression of interest located on the school Facebook page or you can scan the QR code on the Strathmerton Primary school's Hall main door.

Important Dates

Please remember that we have several pupil-free days and public holidays coming up. The OSHC service will be closed on these days—please check your calendars and plan.

This month Activities

- ❖ Through April and May we have focus Learning about Anzac Day.
- ❖ Another topic of discussion was -What do we all know about our town Strathmerton- this brought up a lot of different topics such as the footy club as well as the best bakery around, even talking about the local farms. Some question that came up where when did the club and school start and how many children were around to join in on the fun at the time? Do you know some interesting facts about the Strathmerton please come in and share.
- ❖ We also took a step back in time to when we used to all play those really old party games such as pin the tail on the donkey, apple bobbing, freeze, and sack races. Over the next month we will look at these games and see how many we can play we started with a good scavenger hunt, the children choose football team and different patterned hearts to search for and has been played every week since.
- ❖ In Celebration of world laughter day, we read a lot of jokes to try and see who could last without laughing



We are seeking donations.

Are you doing some spring cleaning over the school holidays if you have any gently used items you would like to donate such as

- Books, dolls, Barbies and accessories
- Coloring book/pages
- Lego, wooden blocks,
- Board/card games
- Wooden pallets, off cuts of hoses, pipes nails and hammers sanding paper

Your donations can help us create fun and engaging environments for children in our care.

Come and see Kirra in the multi-purpose room once school returns or reach out if you're unsure about what you might be able to donate.

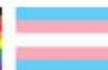
Thank you for your generosity.

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Do you need after school care? You may be eligible for after school care for as little as \$5 a day (dependent on your CCS). You may need to make an appointment or schedule a meeting; we can support you with care for your family whilst you get things done.

T 1800 183 103

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Early Learning

Enrolments for 2026 are open now. Visit our website to learn more.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- 🚩 9th June-Centre Closed Kings Birthday Public Holiday
- 🚩 4th July-Last day of term 2.
- 🚩 21st July First Day of Term 3
- 🚩 25th August Pupil Free day
- 🚩 26th September AFL Grand Final Day
- 🚩 3rd November Pupil Free Day
- 🚩 14th November Melbourne cup

CONTACTS:

Strathmerton Outside School hours Program: 0403174992

Email: strathmerton.els@vt.uniting.org

Address: 43-51 Findlay St, Strathmerton Vic 3641

Bookings: 1800 183 103

HEALTHY BITES

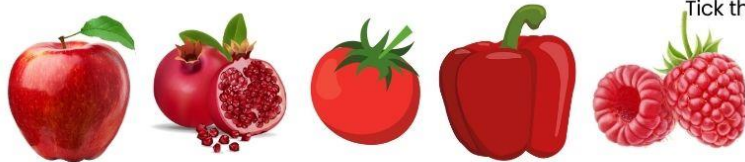
EAT A RAINBOW

Why should we eat a rainbow?

Eating a variety of fruits and vegetables of different types and colours is a great way to make sure that we are eating a variety of vitamins and minerals. These vitamins and minerals are essential to help kids' bodies with growth, health and strength.

Tick those you eat

Red


☒

Orange


☐

Yellow


☐

Green


☐

Blue / Purple


☐

White


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What is a unicorn's favourite sport?

Running marathons

Veggie
of the
month

BROCCOLI

Tips to add broccoli to
your child's foodcabulary



Freeze and add to green smoothies (perhaps can call it dinosaur juice)

Disguise by blending in soups or pasta sauces (i.e. green pesto, mac and cheese)

Pretend they're dinosaur trees, baby trees or the fairy forest

Pair with favourite foods like chicken nuggets or dipping sauces

Be patient, children may take some time to get used to a food so persistence is key!

How to cook broccoli florets:



STEAM: place in steamer basket over boiling water for **6 mins**

ROAST: drizzle in oil and bake in oven at 200° for **15-20 mins**

BOIL: add to boiling water for **2-3 mins**

STIR FRY: add to a pan with oil and cook for **5 mins** until bright green



Ingredients:



Rainbow Fried Rice

- 1 bag frozen vegetable mix
- Optional: any veggies in your fridge at home
- 3 cups cooked rice
- 3 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tbsp oil
- 2 cloves garlic (minced) or 1 tbsp garlic paste
- 1 tsp ginger paste (optional)

Methods:

1. Add oil to a medium fry pan and cook vegetables until soft
2. Add garlic and ginger, rice and soy sauce and cook for a further 2 minutes
3. Serve hot with protein of choice (scrambled or fried eggs, chicken...)



Colouring the rainbow

